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REPORT

SUBJECT 1. Rumored Construction of an
Ammunition Factory North of
Demmin (UV 7175)
2. Military Observations in Berlin,
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(1)
Possible construction of an ammunition factory on the site of a former
German Wehrmacht's ammunition and materiel depot north of Demmin; (2)
7.62 mm submachine gun Kalashnikov, possibly with a special device; (3)
(3) Observation of 20 to 25 Soviet officers in the 45 to 60 age
group at the control point on Luisenstrasse in East Berlin, and (4)
Observations of Soviet and East German Army training.

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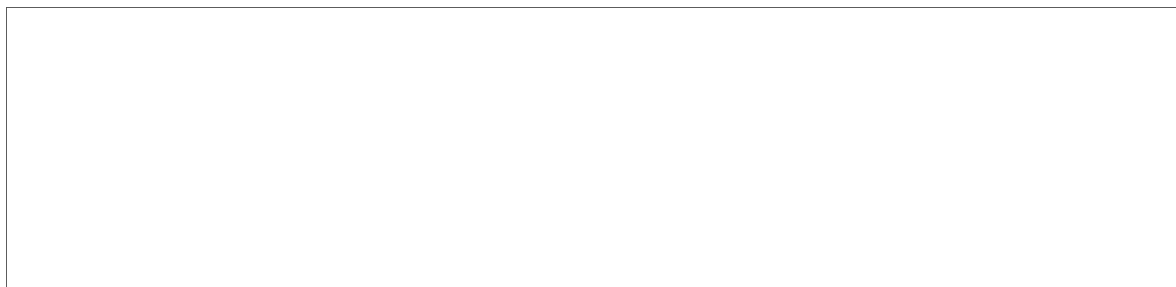
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Subject:

**WOLDE FORST, the former German Wehrmacht's
Ammunition and Material Depot**



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WOLDE FORST, the former German Wehrmacht's Ammunition and Materiel Depot (built during the Nazi era), north of the city DEMMIN/MECKLENBURG, west of the railway line RANDOW-TOITZ-RUSTOW is being rebuilt.

Formerly, there was a Reichsbahn (State Railroad) spurline to the area.

Construction is to be started 1 January 1961



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After the Nazi collapse, the area was blown up and dismantled by the Soviet army.

The inhabitants and those who look^{an} for work at the project (truck drivers from VEB Kraftverkehr) still do not know whether it is a question of ^aNVA/(Nationale Volksarmee, National People's Army) or of ^aSoviet army project.

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These people say that it is not the question of an installation
like the former one, but of the construction of an ammunition factory.

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Subject: Military activity, etc.

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[redacted] at a railway crossing near Kyritz [redacted] a Soviet

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military truck [redacted] about 10 or 15 Soviet officers on the platform of the truck, all in kaki uniforms with coats, some with fur caps and others with caps with a red band. Some of them, perhaps all, were equipped with a weapon [redacted]

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[redacted] it was not an (ordinary) hunting rifle.

Length about that of a US carbine (remarkably short);
Double barrelled with ~~balls~~ ^{the barrels} placed one above the other;
Caliber 10-12;
Remarkably sturdy stock, equipped with a wing screw.

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[redacted] the officers sat with the guns between their knees.

2. 8 January 1961. NAUEN. Ordinary barracks activity, nothing unusual.

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3. [redacted] an

East German visa office in Luisenstrasse Berlin. [redacted]

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[redacted] the building as a 2 or 3 story yellow mansion with a broad rounded flight of steps in front. [redacted]

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[redacted] 10 to 12 Soviet passenger cars of a military color (with chauffeurs in civilian clothes) drove up before the building, and 20 to 25 Soviet officers alighted and entered the building.

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[redacted] all between the ages of 45 and 60 years, dressed in ^hkaki coats and blue trousers with red stripes. All had gold epaulettes with several large stars, and all wore caps. Most of them wore caps with red bands; a few had "a great deal of gold" on their caps. All carried briefcases. They were accompanied by two poorly dressed civilian persons, presumably Germans.

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The East German guard [redacted] was disconcerted by the arrival of [redacted] the Soviets [redacted]

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[redacted] After the Soviets had alighted, the cars turned around and drove toward Stalinalle to a barracks-like building with ^a guard house, where they parked.

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4. About 1130 hours. ORANIENBURG. Many officers on the streets:

[redacted] Nothing of special interest.

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5. About 1200 hours. About midway between GRANSEE and FURSTENBERG, [] an infantry force, east of the road, advancing north in marching formation, parallel to the road. [] about 12 to 14 platoons, some in singular columns (20 to 25 men) and some spread out in groups. The closest platoons were advancing at a distance at about 200 meters from the road.

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No heavy materiel was observed in the area, but lively ^{both} activity of ^{Soviet} and (a few) East German military trucks was noted on the road.

Noise from (presumably) high flying jet planes^e was heard.

6. About 1300 hours. NEUSTRELITZ. Many older Soviet officers on the streets. No identifications.

7. Four to 5 kilometers^o southwest of NEUSTRELITZ, columns of Soviet ^{motor} ~~substituted~~ vehicles consisting mainly of trucks, but also a few passenger cars, 15 to 20 vehicles in all, were parked on both sides of the road (facing in both directions).

Close to the north side of the road, several groups of Soviet soldiers, about 10 to 15 in each group, ^{were} ~~was~~ seen ~~collected and~~ huddled together as if receiving orders or instructions. None of them carried weapons or ^{combat} ~~war~~ helmets. In the area, which had the earmarks of a training^{ground,} ~~ing~~ ^{were} many car and tank trucks, several armed soldiers were also seen, apparently posted as guards in the area.

[] a radio man in one of the passenger cars [] apparently making a report over the radio.

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Farther on toward MIROW, probably about half way, still in the training area, 2 tanks were parked south of the road, facing toward MV (NV, northwest?). Both had (4)-5 road wheels, fairly long guns with noticeably long muzzle breaks. On the road opposite the 2 tanks, a tank car (fuel) was parked. No personnel were seen on the vehicles, but 500 to 600 meters away, several soldiers were seen standing around in the area.

In MIROW,

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out of the western

part of the city in the direction of LARZ^E. Just outside the city

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a white sign with black letters, which read: no admission (etc.),

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in German, English, French, and Russian. There were no road blocks or guards

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airfield near LARZ^E

after

the above-mentioned sign,

a training

area which stretched along both sides of the road,

the next town on the road, presumably LARZ^E. There was no activity

in the area, but many tracks of wheels and possibly of track-laying vehicles were seen.

Comments:

Re 1. Presumably, it is a question of the ordinary Soviet semi-automatic rifle (KALASHNIKOV) (possibly equipped with a special

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experimental device).

Re 3. The presence of such a large number of Soviet officers in the age group mentioned at a visa office in the eastern section of Berlin cannot be explained

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Re 5. Reflex infantry training in groups and platoons, as expected for the period in question.

Re 7. As given for 5; perhaps also individual training (range and deflection practice?).

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